

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 726 – HB 1495

May 4, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (007184): Deletes all language after the enacting clause and redefines “practice of polysomnography” by including the use of an electroencephalogram (EEG), an electroculogram (EOG), and a submental electromyogram (EMG) when staging and scoring sleep by continuous and simultaneous monitoring of the stages of sleep and wake. Requires respiratory therapists, who provide polysomnography services, to be credentialed as a registered polysomnographic technologist by the Board of Polysomnographic Technologists, or as a sleep disorders specialist by the National Board for Respiratory Care, or have undergone a standardized, uniform mechanism to document competency in polysomnography as approved by the Tennessee Board of Respiratory Care in consultation with the Board of Medical Examiners instead of having to be licensed by the Board of Respiratory Care.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The Board of Respiratory Care would make any necessary rule changes during a regularly scheduled meeting and will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$5,577.03.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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